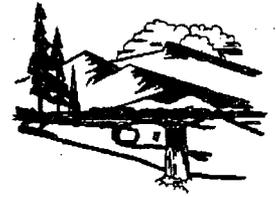




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March 6, 2009

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Re: 2008 Annual Corrective Action Program Review and Groundwater Monitoring Report,
Sweetwater Facility

Dear Mr. Paulson:

The WQD, Groundwater Pollution Control Program (GPC) has reviewed the February 24, 2009 Annual Corrective Action Program Review and Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Sweetwater Uranium facility. As always, your annual report is thorough and provides a comprehensive summary of all corrective action activities for the facility. It appears that all the pumpback systems are operating correctly and are intercepting the groundwater contamination. We have no comments on the Annual Report.

Please call me at 307/335-6959, or contact me at the address provided, if you have any questions or concerns about our oversight at this facility. We appreciate Kennecott's continued cooperation and efforts at remediating this facility.

Sincerely,

Mark Thiesse
GPC West District Supervisor
Water Quality Division

cc: ✓ Mr. Stephen J. Cohen, Project Manager, Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch, U.S. Nuclear
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